

DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board (AAB) Minutes

The DeKalb County Airport Advisory Board met on Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00p.m., Room 227, Airport Administration Building at DeKalb-Peachtree Airport.

Members Present: Jennifer McKillop (Chairman), Larry Scheinpflug (Vice Chairman), Kevin Fowler, Eugene Henry, Mike Reeves, Christopher Richard

Members Absent: Rob Smith, Dan Zanger

Others Present: Airport Director Mario Evans, Deputy Airport Director Marshall Taggart

The meeting was called to order at 7:07p.m. by Chairman Jennifer McKillop

- I. Approval of Minutes: **Motion to approve the minutes of August 13th, 2018 was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Eugene Henry. Motion passed.**
- II. Information/Old Business
 - A. **Airport Director's Report:** Airport Director Mario Evans reported the following:
 1. On the agenda for tomorrow's Board of Commissioners (BOC) meeting are the following: a bid proposal for painting the exterior of the administration building (same color); 3 t-hangar lease terminations and 1 new t-hangar lease.
 2. Master Plan Update: Evans turned this portion over to Smartegies, the public relations firm under contract to Michael Baker for communications. They announced that the website dedicated to the master plan will be launched before the end of September. Website will have information on the 3 committees, house all formal documents, and will enable registered email addresses to receive updates. A link to Master Plan is forthcoming.
 - The three committees: Citizens Advisory, Airport Stakeholders/Technical Advisory and Intergovernmental are being formed with appointees.
 - Question was asked by a member of the community if information can be shared on Nextdoor.com. Smartegies rep. answered "Yes", as well as on other social media.
 - Smartegies rep. also stated that surveys will be a part of community engagement.
 - B. **Noise and Environmental Analyst Report:** Prepared by Nate Schattner and delivered by Marshall Taggart in Nate Schattner's absence.

The August 2018 Noise Report will be posted on the website in its entirety: **Total operations** were 14,303 which is a decrease of 2.84% as compared to August of 2017. There were 333 voluntary curfew operations. Total 2018 year-to-date operations are 108,909 as compared to the total 2017 operations as of August 2017 of 106,346. In August, 48% of operations were on a southerly flow, 48% were to the north, and 4% were on the NW/SE runway. **Noise complaints:** 21 households made 225 complaints. The majority of the complaints were made between 6:00p.m. and 11:59p.m. (35%). The Complaint Percentages by Zip Code chart shows that 63.56% of the complaints originated from the 30319 zip code. A total of 109 advisory letters were sent to aircraft operators who flew during the Voluntary Curfew Period who were not identified as MedEvac and/or other emergency flights. Regarding High Noise Events, 16 advisory letters were sent to the operators whose aircraft exceeded the high noise event threshold(s). **Motion to accept the August 2018 Noise Report was made by Christopher Richard and seconded by Larry Scheinpflug. Motion Passed.**
 - C. **Other:** none
- III. **New Business:** None
- IV. **Public Comments:**
 - A member of the community pointed out what he identified as discrepancies in the August Noise report. Specifically, he stated that he sent to Nate aircraft correlations that he identified

- as over 70 decibels, but he said Nate did not respond. This member then also played a recording of a plane doing touch and go's over his house. He wanted to know if this was normal activity. Response from AAB Chairman Jennifer McKillop was that since it was not possible to authenticate community member's cell phone audio recording, the matter could not be resolved. This same community member asked for confirmation that violators of the voluntary curfew period were sent letters. AAB confirmed that letters had been sent out. Same community member asked for an explanation about the Not Correlated noise complaints on page 11 of the August report. Airport Director Mario Evans responded that there was no radar data, so it couldn't be correlated. Evans also stated that nothing can be 100% because as the radar sweeps, the technology may not capture all operations.
- AAB member Larry Scheinpflug asked about the status of EMAS. Evans responded that the system is taking shape and is on track. Evans also shared that Plaza Fiesta completed their construction.
 - A member of the community asked if Dan Zanger was still on the Board. The AAB confirmed that he is still a member and will return after dealing with health issues.
 - A member of the community asked about the earlier presentation by a flight instructor associated with the Georgia Tech Flying Club. Evans stated that he may be able to attend a future meeting. (Reference AAB Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2018.) Evans also stated that the 2013 environmental study by the Rollins School of Public Health is still in draft form.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Scheinpflug and seconded by Mike Reeves. Motion passed at 7:42 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved as Submitted:

Lori Bell (Secretary)

Jennifer McKillop (Chairman)